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Ms. Dagmar Romano
Site Response Section
Ground Water and Solid Waste Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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RE: East Hennepin Avenue Site

Dear Ms. Romano:

On behalf of General Mills, Inc., Barr Engineering Company is requesting an extension of the time schedule for submittal of the 1994 Annual Monitoring Report from March 1 to March 31, 1994.

The extension is necessary as a result of our apparent failure to clearly communicate the proposed reporting requirements in the 1994 - 1999 Operations and Monitoring Plan. Our intent was to indicate that the results from the annual monitoring event would be provided to the MPCA in a quarterly report and that a summary report would be prepared at the end of the monitoring period (1999). Our rationale for this level of reporting was: that trends indicating significant improvement or degradation of water quality have not been observed since 1987; that future change is not anticipated because the groundwater pump-out systems are effectively containing groundwater affected by the East Hennepin Avenue Site; and that compilation of results from the one monitoring event per year into an annual report would be an unnecessary use of resources in the light of the current site situation.

We recognized the potential existence of a misunderstanding during our recent file review. In response, the language in the operations and monitoring plan was reviewed, potentially ambiguous language was identified and you were telephoned by Bill Crutcher of General Mills, Inc. with the purpose of determining your expectations. We now recognize that the MPCA expects that an annual monitoring report will be prepared and we will prepare the report for submittal by March 31.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter Sabee

c. Bill Taylor
Bill Crutcher

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